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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION KUWAIT JULY 10-14: IRAQ; ICJ RULING;
TERRORISM

1.SUMMARY: The International Court of Justice ruled that the Israeli security barrier illegal, and there was much rejoicing. Commentators used the ruling to lament that the decision is non-binding, to excoriate the Israelis for their crimes, and to call for international pressure to change Israel's ways. Dr. Abdel Muhsin Yousef Jamal wrote in independent Al-Qabas (7/12): "The brave ruling will invalidate the Zionists' justifications and of those who extend assistance to them." END SUMMARY.

2. "Heads Rolling?!"

Dr. Yaser Al-Saleh wrote in independent Al-Rai Al-A'am (7/13): "So many damning reports turned up after the war in Iraq, disputing Bush and Blair's reasons for waging war. Subsequently, the two administrations cited spreading democracy and human rights as the main reasons for going to war. However, the Abu Ghraib scandal revealed that Iraqis, in the eyes of the occupiers, have no rights, and that their tormentors enjoyed the episodes of torture. Despite all these events, neither Bush nor Blair were thrown out of their respective posts, and no heads rolled. Does this mean that the two administrations, the American and British are in good shape? Or is this the beginning of the descent?"

3. "The Warm American Lap"

Dr. Sami Nasser Khalifa wrote in independent Al-Rai Al-A'am (7/10): "Despite the American administration's blatant proclamation of territorial control over the region and its riches, as well as interfering in the internal affairs of sovereign nations, and despite its support of the Arabs' and Muslims' number one enemy, the Zionist entity, there are those in the region who are blind to anything but their own personal interests at the expense of the region's. Many no longer care about people's suffering as much as they care about being close to the warm American lap."

4. "Brave Ruling"

Dr. Abdel Muhsin Yousef Jamal wrote in independent Al-Qabas (7/12): "Not the International Court of Justice's ruling nor all the laws in the world can force Israel to submit to world opinion. This is because Israel understands the language of power. It revels in blatant American support. The recent court ruling, which judged Israel's security barrier in violation of international law, will expose Israel especially before the Europeans, who have previously shown in a poll that they consider Israel a danger to global peace. The brave ruling will invalidate the Zionists' justifications and of those who extend assistance to them."

5. "Israel And The Peace"

Ghassan Al-Otaibi wrote in independent Al-Qabas (7/12): "We, the Arabs, are certain that the United States would wage World War III for Israel's sake. We also know that the pre-eminent European countries, such as the G8, were the ones who planted Israel in the heart of the Arab World. These same countries are prepared to go to any length to protect Israel from its Arab neighbors. However, the time has come for Arab countries to appeal to international public opinion to pressure Israel into signing the nuclear non-proliferation treaty and to submit its nuclear facilities to inspection."

6. "Wise Ruling ... But?!"

Dr. Ayed Al-Man'a wrote in independent Al-Watan (7/12): "The recent International Court of Justice ruling on Israel's West Bank barrier constitutes the latest international opinion exposing Israel's aggression. Regrettably, this just ruling is non-binding, and since Israel never complied with earlier resolutions, there is no reason why it should comply with a non-binding ICJ ruling. However, such a ruling can generate international pressure, which could force the United States to 'whisper' into Israel's ear to stop challenging the will of the international community."

7. "Jews Heading To The Point Of No Return"

Isam Al-Fulaij wrote in independent Al-Watan (7/14): "Jews never fail to prove how far they are willing to commit crimes and challenge the world while at the same time knowing they can lean on support from Americans' veto. Israel's rejection of the International Court of Justice ruling on the security barrier, and

her continued contempt for the United Nations, is her way of heading to the point of no return. Despite a period of weakness, we should never reverse our initial religious and intellectual positions toward the Jews. Our rejection of Jews must be manifested in teaching future generations about the real enemy as mentioned in the Quran."

18. "Terrorism In Kuwait"

Mohammed Al-Shibani wrote in independent Al-Qabas (7/11):

"Terrorists are of one collective mindset. They have categorized people as either with them, or against them, i.e. those who agree with their school of thought are with them, and those who are against their thought are either against them, or are agents, or sweet talkers. During the visit of Dr. Condoleezza Rice's deputy, Frances Townsend, to Kuwait last week, she presented an official document containing the names and pictures of nine Kuwaitis who have been added to the American wanted List for terror connections in the region, Is this true? If so, then what is the solution, or the preparations needed?"

19. "Visa or Heartbreak"

Adel Al-Qassar wrote in independent Al-Qabas (7/11): "America has the right to safeguard its internal security given the wave of continuous threats. However, this should not be done to the extent that visa procedures may alienate many, including Americans. The U.S. Administration's conduct is characterized by a warm welcome and a wide smile; still, this privilege is beginning to change according to political variables. America's Western strategic allies are treated appropriately, and are exempt from entry visas, so the question is, 'When will the time come for other allies to be treated equally?' The best thing about U.S. visa procedures is that they are not subject to favorable mediation. Exceptions are granted only in humanitarian cases, and to students."

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